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From: Blake, Ellen [Blake.Ellen@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/10/2021 6:17:13 PM
To: Ross, Brian [Ross.Brian@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: LA Times Article re: ocean disposal

Thanks, this is helpful. It was an email to me from you, but if you can't put your fingers on it, this will do!

From: Ross, Brian <Ross.Brian@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 10:07 AM
To: Blake, Ellen <Blake.Ellen@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: LA Times Article re: ocean disposal

Hi Ellen,

I can't find specifically what I may have sent you, but it was probably one of the attached messages. Yes, we were able to take some opportunistic photos in the drum dump area back in early November. Allan is still waiting to receive copies of the photos from the contractor (they were not part of the official survey contract), so the description of what he saw on the photos was from real-time review via the contractor's computer screen while we were still on the survey vessel.

Let me know if there is something else you may be looking for!

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From: Blake, Ellen <Blake.Ellen@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2021 9:49 AM
To: Ross, Brian <Ross.Brian@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: LA Times Article re: ocean disposal

Hi Brian,
You sent me something on this in the not-to-distant past. I can't put my fingers on it. Can you resend it to me?
Thanks,
Ellen

From: Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 11:24 AM
To: Blake, Ellen <Blake.Ellen@epa.gov>
Subject: LA Times Article re: ocean disposal

Ellen, I wanted to share the below two articles with you if you hadn't seen them, and then set up a time to talk about this issue. Since the first article came out in late October, we have had a number of key conversations with congressionals (including a call between RA Busted and Senator Feinstein), the State Water Board, and non-profits. All are asking what EPA can do about this situation. We have stated that it is a separate issue from the Montrose/Palos Verdes Shelf Superfund site, and that we are initially looking to our state and federal natural resource trustees to take the lead, while we consult with them.

We have coordinated a bit with Water Div staff (Ota, Ross, Yelensky) that have obvious connections to this issue or area. We are now gearing up for a potential multi-agency meeting convened by the State Water Board, which would include NOAA, FWS, and others, so wanted to coordinate with Water Div management. I thought I would start with you, unless there are others I should include.

I can look on your calendar and set up a half hour to discuss this week.

Thanks, John Chesnutt

<https://www.latimes.com/projects/la-coast-ddt-dumping-ground/#nt=1col-7030col1-main>

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